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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): A composition consisting of <u>an</u> isolated <u>ultrafiltration fraction of poly A^- , >300 nucleotide</u> ribonucleic acid molecules, which enhances the amplification of PrP^{Sc}.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A kit for identifying the presence of \Pr^{Sc} comprising the ribonucleic acid molecules of claim 1.